



In 1928 the Department of Agriculture spent less than \$26 million. In 1948 it spent \$834 million.

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## LOCKOUT FACES SARDINE CANNERS AT MONTEREY AS SHORT SEASON OPENS

Sixteen sardine canneries along Monterey's famous Cannery Row notified maintenance workers, members of the Fish Cannery Workers Union, not to report for work on Monday—the opening day of the abbreviated sardine fishing and canning season, which this year will end on January 15, a month earlier.

Members of the union turned down a "package deal" offer from the employers last Friday night and also turned down a compromise offer which would have resulted in a renewal of last season's agreement, as it, was reported. Nature of the "package deal" was not disclosed.

## In Union Circles

George L. Rice, secretary of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey, has been named chairman of the Bar Committee for the Governor's Hall, finale of the Monterey Centennial celebration. The dance will be at the ballroom of the Del Monte Hotel, now a naval school. Union bartenders will be engaged through the union.

Local 483 has elected Rice as delegate to the State Federation of Labor convention at Los Angeles late this month.

Secretary Al Clark of Salinas Bartenders Union 545 returned to Salinas last week for the union's meeting and then went back to Yosemite to finish his vacation there with his family. He was due back on the job this week.

Carl Lara, former business agent for Painters Union 1104 of Salinas, is working as painter at Moss Landing these days.

Five new members were accepted by Culinary Alliance 467 by initiation at last week's meeting. Secretary Bertha A. Boles reports. Business was generally routine, she added.

## Goodman Named Secy. of Carpenter Apprentice Body

William Goodman, Salinas contractor, was elected secretary of the Carpenters' Joint Apprenticeship Committee last week succeeding George R. Harter, former union business manager.

According to Harvey Baldwin, now business manager of Carpenters Union 925, the contractor was named committee secretary in order to give the employers one of the two key committee offices. R. L. Thurman, member of Local 925, is committee chairman.

The apprenticeship committee also voted to indenture Layman J. Scapa, Eldon A. Harn and Ben Marcus for training under the apprentice program, Baldwin said.

Meetings of the Apprenticeship committee are held on the second Thursday of each month at Carpenters' Hall.

## Permanente Shuts Down Until September

The two Permanente Metals Corp. plants in the Salinas area — at Moss Landing and at Natavida — reportedly were to shut down at the close of last week until next September 6.

Business Representative A. B. Woodward of Machinists District Lodge 93 said he had been informed that the plants have caught up with all orders on hand and that the shutdown is necessitated by lack of demands for products of the plants.

## Cuban Dancers Set for Fete

A troupe of Spanish dancers, singers and instrumentalists are being gathered in Cuba now for appearance at the Constitutional Convention Centennial celebration in Monterey August 29-Sept. 5, according to Mayor L. K. Smith of Monterey.

Scheduled to appear daily, the troupe will furnish an authentic atmosphere to the Centennial fete. Programs will be given at "Centennial Village," which will be in the Monterey baseball park.

Employers, adopting a "no contract-no work" attitude, notified some 100 maintenance workers not to report to work.

Officials of the union termed the action a "lockout."

While the contract for cannery workers is in the spotlight, there still is no agreement covering the price to be paid to the AFL Seine & Line Fishermen for the sardine catch. Fishermen reportedly have asked \$50 per ton.

Cannery workers are standing pat on their demand for wage increases and other contract gains. It was reported.

Negotiations for agreements with both fishermen and cannery workers are expected to be continued this week, but observers said it probably would be at least August before settlement is reached and sardine canning could be started.

## Labor Institute Opens August 14 In Pacific Grove

Designed to give members of organized labor an opportunity to learn latest collective bargaining techniques and under sponsorship jointly of the University of California and the California State Federation of Labor, a summer labor institute will be held at Asilomar Hotel in Pacific Grove from August 14 to 20.

University teachers and Federation officials will conduct various courses on such subjects as history and problems of labor, economic outlook, current labor legislation, community relations, health and welfare plans, social legislation affecting labor, collective bargaining, labor and politics, labor and the legislative process, and other matters.

The institute teaching staff includes Irving Bernstein, Frederick Breier, Albert Brundage, Dudley Cameron, Arthur Carstens, J. C. Haggerty, Ronald Houghton, Geo. Hildebrand, Abbott Kaplan, Van Kennedy, Charles Kerr and Barney Mayes.

## Radiator Shops Under Contract With Mechanics

Two radiator shops in Salinas have been signed to special new agreements by Machinists-Mechanics' Union 1824 of Salinas, according to Business Representative A. B. Woodward.

The firms are Sadinas Radiator Shop, 231 East Market St., and Crow Radiator Works, 448 North Main St.

Woodward said the six men involved won wage increases, vacations, holidays and all standard provisions of the union's agreements under the new radiator shop contract signed.

## Ahead of Time! Electricians Will Aid Kids

Last week's announcement that members of Electrical Workers Union 243 have donated their labor to rewire the Child Care Center was just a little bit ahead of time. Union Business Manager Karl Ozols reports.

"Run that story in a week or so again and you'll be correct," Ozols said. "We WILL rewire the building, but we can't do this until plans for the remodeling are completed—even electrical workers can't do a job until the job is ready to be done."

The donation of work by electricians and other building crafts will be as soon as arrangements are completed, Ozols added.

## Two Waitresses Seek to Rule Monterey Fete

Two attractive members of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey have entered the contest to become "Miss 49er" or queen of the Monterey Centennial celebration over Labor Day.

Jane McDowell, brunette waitress employed at Casa Munras, and Julie Ann ("Penny") Caldwell, blonde waitress formerly at San Carlos Hotel, are busy compiling votes in the queen contest.

## Temo Kiddie Club Shows Set for Aug.

Dates of the Teamsters Union Kiddie Klub free motion picture shows at Salinas High School Auditorium have been announced for the month of August.

Because there were five Saturdays in July and the shows are running every other week, the August schedule changes to the second and fourth Saturday mornings—August 13 and August 27.

Last week's movies included a feature starring Abbott and Costello plus cartoons and short subjects. A western feature is scheduled for August 13, according to Albert A. Harris, president of Teamsters Union 890, sponsors of the shows.

Crowds in excess of 500 youngsters are attending the free shows now, Harris said, and the program is considered a big success after only three months of operation.

## Union Officials Attend Political Meet in S.L.O.

Four Monterey county union leaders traveled to San Luis Obispo last week to attend a meeting of the Labor League for Political Education for Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties.

Purpose of the joint meeting was to co-ordinate the activity of the proposed new Monterey County LLPE with that of other counties in the 11th Congressional District.

Making the trip were William G. Kenyon, secretary of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas; George L. Rice, acting secretary of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council at Monterey; Joseph Perry, of Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, and Garold Miller, business agent of Retail Clerks Union.

The group traveling to San Luis Obispo will report back to their organizations later in an effort to increase interest in the Labor League for Political Education program.

(Editor's Note: See another story on the LLPE program elsewhere in this paper.)

## State Fed. Exec. Council Opposes Repeal of No. 4

The Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor has declared itself opposed to repeal of Article XXV of the State Constitution (Proposition No. 4) in the special election called for November 8, thus reaffirming the position taken at the Fresno Council session of February 26.

Meeting in quarterly session at Arrowhead Springs, Riverside County, July 16, the council approved the school bonds issue and increased salaries for members of the state legislature. Both issues will likewise be on the November ballot.

The controversial Article XXV, adopted by the electorate in 1948, increased old age and blind pensions, shifted welfare control from a county to a state level, and eliminated relatives' responsibility. Further, it brought about reorganization of the State Department of Social Welfare.

## Dixiecrats Fail in Trick to Kill FEPC

The Fair Employment Practices Bill introduced by Rep. Adam Clayton Powell (D., N.Y.) survived a parliamentary trick aimed at it July 21 by Southern Dixiecrats with some Republican help.

In a labor committee vote of 18 to 7, a motion by Rep. Tom Steed (D., Okla.) to table the bill was defeated. Had it succeeded it would have taken a two-thirds vote of the committee to take it up again.

After the move was defeated the committee decided to take up the bill again July 29 for a final vote.

Those who voted with Steed were: John S. Wood (D., Ga.), Graham A. Barden (D., N.C.), Hugo S. Sims Jr. (D., S.C.), Wintgate H. Lucas (D., Tex.), Wint Smith (R., Kans.) and Thornton B. Morton (R., Ky.).

## GOMPERS STAMP PROPOSED

Washington.—Representative Augustine B. Kelley, Democrat, of Pennsylvania, introduced a bill authorizing the Post Office Department to issue a special 3-cent postage stamp commemorating the 100th birthday of the late Samuel Gompers, first president of the American Federation of Labor.

## BUT LET'S LOOK AT BOTH RECORDS!



## Labor Political Program Boomed; County-Wide Body Plans for United Action

Formation of a county-wide Labor League for Political Education to take an active part in coming labor-political matters is the aim of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council at Monterey, it was announced last week by William G. ("Bud") Kenyon and George L. Rice, secretaries of the respective organizations.

Both councils have named committees to create the county-wide LLPE organization, which has been urged by the American Federation of Labor for coming elections.

The Salinas council committee is headed by Garold Miller (Retail Clerks 859), and includes A. E. Woods (Engineers 39), D. R. Harrison (Typographical 543), Carl Lara (Painters 1104) and Robert Shinn (Butchers 506).

Members of the Monterey committee, headed by Joe Perry (Fish Cannery Union), include Rice, Ed Karl (Carpenters 1323), Kenneth Smiley (Teamsters 890), Emmett Woods (Motor Coach Drivers), E. E. Winters (Typographical) and Wayne Edwards (Teachers).

In Monterey, a local LLPE has been formed and is functioning, Rice reports, the group holding regular business meetings.

The Monterey labor council has taken steps to make the LLPE a permanent setup. A proposed amendment to by-laws of the council calls for making council monthly per capita tax 7 cents per member, of which 2 cents would go for council operation and the rest for the LLPE program. Per capita now is a flat \$2 per month per union, Rice said.

## Painters 1104 Ask Intl. Union For Assistance

Letter has been sent to the international union by Painters Union 1104 asking the assignment of an international representative to Salinas area to help work out local disputes and other matters. Business Agent Roy Hearn reported last week.

Al King, international representative of the union, is expected to come here to assist Local 1104, Hearn added.

Next meeting of the union is Tuesday night, August 9, at which various problems will be discussed, Hearn said.

## New York CIO Gets Unemployment Insurance Adviser

New York.—Prof. Herman A. Gray of New York University has been appointed adviser on unemployment insurance and social security to the New York State CIO Council, Pres. Louis Hollander announced here. Gray is former chairman of the State Advisory Council on Unemployment Insurance.

Two other new additions to the state CIO staff are David Schlossberg, special counsel to help unions on workmen's compensation problems, and Bernard Raskin, publicity and research director. Schlossberg was with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and Raskin edited The Pilot, Natl. Maritime Union paper.

## Propose \$2 AFL LLPE Donation

The American Federation of Labor's 1950 political campaign "has begun as of now," declared AFL President William Green in keynoting the legislative conference of Labor's League for Political Education, held July 19 and 20, in Washington, D. C.

Three hundred delegates from every state Federation of Labor in the nation and from scores of Central Labor Councils, attended enthusiastic sessions.

The California delegation was comprised of C. J. Haggerty, Secretary, and John F. Shelley, President, of the California State Federation of Labor; W. H. Bassett, Secretary-Treasurer, Long Beach Central Labor Council; Richard Seltzer, Teamsters No. 572, Long Beach.

President Green appointed the following committee to submit a program of action to the conference: C. J. Haggerty, chairman; Carl H. Muller, President, Indiana State Federation of Labor; R. T. Wood, President, Missouri State Federation; Louis P. Marclante, President, New Jersey State Federation; Phil Hannah, Secretary-Treasurer, Ohio State Federation.

Later, these recommendations as suggested by the committee, were adopted by the conference:

(1) That the National Labor League for Political Education undertake to obtain from each member affiliated with the American Federation of Labor an individual, voluntary, minimum contribution of \$2, and that each

## Union By-Laws Okaying Boycott Ruled Not Legal

The application of a union's by-laws that supported a secondary boycott was declared illegal under the Taft-Hartley law by a ruling of an examiner for the National Labor Relations Board.

The examiner, David London, made the finding in a case brought by the Joliet Contractors Association of Joliet, Ill., against Glaziers Union No. 27 of the Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, AFL.

These by-laws sought to prohibit members from working on projects that used preglazed sash, in which the glass is installed in frames before shipment to the construction job.

The examiner ruled it was not unfair for the union to refuse to furnish members to "unfair" employers or for work on "unfair" jobs, or to demand that contractors refrain from using preglazed sash and sign a contract to that effect.

Explaining that ruling, he said the facts occurred before there was an employer-employee relationship. "True," he added, "the persons alleged to have been induced and encouraged are members of the union, but they are not yet 'employees of any employer.' Furthermore, not having reached that status, then 'concerted refusal' could not be 'in the course of their employment.' Such persons, he concluded, are not subject to the secondary boycott ban.

In the same case, Mr. London ruled that the union violated the secondary boycott ban on several occasions by inducing and encouraging members to cease working on certain projects where the job was not covered by the union's "fair" list. But at the same time, he ruled that the union ban by issuing "unfair" lists. These lists were supplied to contractors in Joliet setting forth those projects on which the union would permit its members to work.

## Carpenter Hall Opening Near

Although exact date has not been announced for the occupancy of Carpenters Hall, built by Carpenters Union 1323 in Monterey, unions will start moving into the new building shortly, it was reported last week.

Some extra work was found necessary to repair plaster cracks on the outside walls but this delay was not expected to hold up the planned moving from present quarters in Bartenders Hall, in downtown Monterey. Unions to occupy the building with Local 1323 still are not announced.

Washington.—The importance of political action is being stressed in summer schools being held by CIO and its member unions, a headquarters announcement said July 24.

More than 5000 selected union members are attending the schools and every phase of union activity is being studied, the announcement said but "many of the schools are stressing the importance of political action techniques in anticipation of organized labor's increasing concern with the 1950 elections."

## Green Blasts Union Probe As 'Politics'

Washington.—AFL President William Green denounced the Senate probe of alleged monopolistic practices by unions as purely a political move "to prop up the tottering Byrd political machine in Virginia and to bolster its anti-union issue in the current gubernatorial campaign."

The inquiry was instigated by Senator A. Willis Robertson of Virginia and is being conducted by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee.

**HYPOCRITICAL MOVE**  
This fact alone, Mr. Green said, is conclusive evidence of the probe's "hypocritical motivation." He explained that Senator Robertson, "a subservient tool of the Byrd machine," had bypassed the only two logical Senate committees to conduct such an investigation, the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare and the Judiciary Committee, in order to keep "personal control" of the probe.

The text of Mr. Green's statement follows:  
"The political motivation behind the Senate investigation of alleged monopolistic practices by unions, begun today by the Senate Banking and Currency Committee at the instigation of Senator A. Willis Robertson of Virginia, should be exposed."

**REAL PURPOSE**  
"It should be obvious that the real purpose of this investigation is to prop up the tottering Byrd political machine in Virginia and to bolster its anti-union issue in the current gubernatorial campaign."

"Senator Robertson, a subservient tool of the Byrd machine, is in no way qualified to conduct a fair investigation because his entire record reeks with prejudice against organized labor. It is apparent that he has timed this move to provide propaganda material for use in the Virginia primary election campaign."

**NOT LEGITIMATE**  
"If this were a legitimate investigation, it should have been conducted by either the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee or the Senate Judiciary Committee, which could logically claim jurisdiction over the matters under inquiry. The fact that Senator Robertson has seen fit to bypass the two properly qualified Senate committees in order to keep personal control of the investigation is conclusive evidence of its hypocritical motivation."

## Senate Group Launches Attack On Labor Unions

The Senate banking committee July 25, launched a vicious attack on organized labor intended to rob unions of the right to negotiate on a national basis, to outlaw industry pension funds and to make unions generally subject to the anti-trust laws.

**COAL CZAR**  
The hearings ostensibly were called because of reports that the coal industry was about to set up a "czar" of the industry to deal with Pres. John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers. But the nation's two biggest operators, first witnesses at the hearings, knocked the props out from under that pretext by declaring that there never had been any such intention.

Senator A. Willis Robertson (D., Va.), who asked for the hearing, made it clear that it is aimed not at any one union such as the UMW but at every union which is powerful enough to bargain collectively. In his blistering attack he mentioned these unions by name, as exercising so much economic power that they should come under special government regulation: the United Mine Workers, the United Steelworkers (CIO), the United Rubber Workers (CIO), the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers (CIO), the Bro. of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated), Intl. Longshoremen & Warehousemen Union (CIO), Intl. Bro. of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen & Helpers (AFL), American Federation of Musicians (AFL) and the Intl. Typographical Union (AFL).

## Two Union-Baiting Newspapers Now Officially United

Announcement that Col. Robert R. McCormick's Chicago Tribune had purchased the Washington Times-Herald July 21 made the unity of the two reactionary sheets official.

McCormick's cousin, Mrs. Eleanor M. (Cissy) Patterson, had run the Times-Herald until her death a year ago after purchasing the property from William Randolph Hearst in 1939.

With the New York Daily News, also owned by the Tribune, the three constitute a trinity of smear sheets. The purchase was made from the executors of the Patterson estate, valued at \$16,000,000. She had left the paper to seven top employees.

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## GOVERNMENT GOUGING

It is becoming painfully evident that nearly all forms of government of today are developing an increasing tendency to gouge our people with wholly unnecessary schemes to increase revenues by both direct and indirect taxes. Instead of decreasing taxes on real estate, as is always claimed to be the chief reason for additional innovations, the average home owner or owner of a lot for a future home is usually taxed higher today than the same real property was taxed when it constituted about the only form of taxation in vogue. Our national government now spends and squanders an annual budget of 40 billion dollars, none of which is applied to reduce our staggering national debt of over 250 billion dollars. Our state government has fixed an annual budget of more than a billion dollars for next year while municipalities are vying with one another to add local sales taxes, parking meters, endless local licenses and schemes for imposing petty fines and fees, so that no one can escape even though they move away from their town for good. More and more ordinary people are beginning to feel that no matter where they turn they are being gouged by government beyond endurance.

Instead of looking after the interests of the average citizen and protecting our people from needless impositions government has long since become our hungriest gouger and in addition to the increasing taxes being extracted from our people all kinds of special laws are being passed to enable private grafters to further gouge our people with excessive and often wholly needless charges. All we know today is getting gouged. At the rate we are going poverty should become more than plentiful in a few years.

## DOING OUR OWN BUSINESS

Now that the Atlantic pact has been approved by the United States Senate by a vote of 82 to 13 let us hope that our statesmen and lawmakers will turn their attention to some of the matters here at home that are in need of attention.

For six solid months our present Congress has done little else than meddle and muddle with foreign affairs, while conditions here at home have been allowed to drift in whatever direction the wind might be blowing.

Although it is now four years since our World War II ended our government has continued to use the tax-collecting machinery set up during war days to extract over 40 billion dollars a year from the American people. If half of this amount were being applied to reduction of our stupendous national debt of over 250 billion dollars it would not be so bad but instead it is all being spent and squandered otherwise in such volume that our fiscal year ending July 1st, this year, had a deficit of nearly two billion dollars.

When a government, that is collecting forty billion dollars a year, cannot make ends meet on that sum is it not about time that those in charge began to give serious attention to how our public money is being used? Less attention to foreign business and more attention to our affairs at home would seem to be very much in order.

## DEMOCRACY NOT TO BLAME

What are the stumbling blocks that are causing our democracy to get so badly out of joint? It is not that there is anything wrong fundamentally with either the principle or the theory of our democracy. What chiefly ails our democracy is that it is not permitted to function.

Instead of practicing democracy which we teach and preach there are too many of our people, who never lift a finger, to help make their democracy work. They point to what is written in the constitution as if they expected that to execute itself, whereas the fact of the matter is that democracy cannot and does not have any existence, except to the extent that the principles laid down and adopted as the supreme law of our land are actually put into practice.

There is nothing wrong with our democracy, so long as we put it into practice. All our troubles originate from our failure to practice what we preach. Nothing is worth the paper it is written on until it is made a reality by being put into practice.

## YOUR LABOR PAPER

How often has it not happened that your labor paper was one of the most helpful factors in achieving victory? Is there any other medium that you know of, which can be so helpful in fighting the political battles right now confronting labor everywhere? If this is true then do not neglect to use your labor paper to the fullest in the educational campaign that must be carried out if labor is to be a deciding factor in the elections of 1950. From now till election day next year your labor paper should be going into every union home in your district every week. Let the best heads in the labor movement prepare the right reading material but let your labor paper carry it to every last member. To accomplish this each union must see to it that every member of their union is on the mailing list of their labor paper.

## Grin or Groan

The 10 best years of a man's life are the 10 just before he stumbles and Mrs.

A candidate for the police force was being verbally examined. "If you were by yourself in a police car, and were being pursued by a desperate gang of criminals in another car doing 40 miles an hour on a lonely road, what would you do?"

"Fifty," promptly replied the candidate.

And They're Generally Long  
How far a fisherman will stretch the truth depends on the length of his arms.

With Violet cuddling in his arms,  
He drove his Ford—poor silly;  
Where once he held his Violet,  
Now he holds a lily.

## Couldn't Tell

A witness was being questioned during a charge of assault.

"You saw these men fighting," said the magistrate. "Why didn't you go to the assistance of the defendant?"

"Well sir," replied the witness, "at that time it was impossible to foresee which would be the defendant."

A Midwestern university held entrance exams for a group of ex-GIs. One of the questions was, "Name two ancient sports."

An ex-sergeant racked his brain, finally came up with an answer that passed him. He wrote, "Anthony and Cleopatra."

## A Resourceful Guy

A married fellow we know recently spent a quiet evening with friends, playing poker. When he got up to go home he was dismayed to see the sun shining brightly.

"What would he tell his wife?"

At last he hit on an idea. He stepped to the phone, dialed his home number and shouted hoarsely:

"It's all right, darling, they let me go. Don't pay the ransom."

Young Harry: "Dad, what's the difference between a gun and a machine gun?"

Dad: "There's a big difference. It is just as if I spoke, and then your mother spoke."

One: "You say Bill is pretty cocky and sure of himself?"

The Other: "I'll say he is. He does crossword puzzles with a pen."

"That's pretty good-looking, for a used car. What's the most you ever got out of it?"

"Nine times in one mile."

Traffic sign in Pennsylvania village: "Slow. No hospital."

A decrepit horse was being offered to the highest bidder. An old farmer watched as a young man in riding breeches bid for the animal. When the sale was completed, he turned to the young fellow.

"Tell me," he said, "what on earth are you going to do with that nag?"

"Oh," replied the cocky young sportsman, "I'm going to race him."

The farmer took a second look at the animal. "Well, you'll win," he said.

Work Stoppages  
Decline in Calif.

The number of workers involved in work stoppages in California during the first quarter of 1949 dropped to one-fourth the number during the same period in 1948, Paul Scharenberg, director of Industrial Relations, announced today.

Figures compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in cooperation with the California Department of Industrial Relations indicate that work stoppages which began during the first three months of 1949 totaled 5,048 workers in 1949 compared to 20,340 in 1948.

The number of man-days idle also decreased to 181,930 from 239,100 in the comparable quarter of 1948. Two-thirds of the man-days idle in the first quarter of 1949 were accounted for by the San Francisco taxi dispute which began on New Year's Day.

A total of 44 work stoppages occurred compared with 42 during the first quarter of last year.

Japanese Teachers  
Hit Economy Firings

Tokyo.—The All-Japan Teachers Union has gone on record against the firings of its members as a result of the government's personnel cut program.

The union is demanding an increase in the number of teachers to cope with the rising student body. More school buildings to ease overcrowding were also asked by delegates to a two-day meeting here.

To rally support behind their demands, the teachers plan to circulate petitions among workers. It is hoped that 20 million signatures will be obtained.



"As part of our economy drive remove all water coolers from the shop."

OUR  
GROUNDHOG  
WORLD

By Geo. Cartwright

## ECONOMIC BREAKDOWN

Dr. Gunnar Myrdal, executive secretary U. N. Economic Commission for Europe, noted Swedish economist, addressing a Washington audience, including Paul G. Hoffman, ECA Administrator, stated July 14, 1949: "Europe's economy is disintegrating . . . urged revival of private-capital investments by American finance to 'oil the machinery of European trade' . . . without private financing the strangulation will continue. . . . The London economic crisis is not just a temporary one," he declared, "and is due to many complex factors."

N. B. He gave the big factor, Land Monopoly, enabling the landholders to take from workers all but a bare living, absent treatment. The Economist, a British publication, states: "Nobody owes the British people a living and the point must come when they enjoy only that standard of living for which they are prepared to work."

In Britain as in America cost of the two wars is in taxes inflating prices. The landholders' living comes in land rent from the landless, the group that also furnish the blood, sweat, tears and taxes. This is the price workers pay for worshipping landlordism and rotten royalty.

## FASCISM IN ACTION

Having in mind that Fascism is Big Business backed by bayonets and A-bombs we're informed by In Fact, July 18, 1949: "The role of U. S. big business, working closely with former Nazi partners, was assailed June 28 by Rep. John A. Blatnik (D., Minn.), in a speech unreported by the press. Quoting from article 'Gravediggers at Work,' from Bulletin of Society to Prevent WWII, Blatnik charged, 'the whole gang which gave life and sustenance to Nazism was sheltered from wrath of their victims' by agents of U. S. monopoly."

"They assigned one of their men, Herbert Hoover, to Germany so he could report back to the people, Western civilization would crumble without the ingenuity and dynamism, of the Herrenvolk," he quoted.

The Hoover report, made at request of President Truman, urged rebuilding of heavy industries in Ruhr and their return to former Nazi management.

## 5% INFLUENCE INDUSTRY

Modesto Bee, July 21, 1949, front pages an article on Washington's "5% Influence Industry," where smart racketeers convince smart big business victims that for a 5% commission they can procure them what they want from the taxpayers' pockets. Cong-Record, July 19, 1949, carries Senator Butler (Neb.), statement under title Ex-New Dealers Feathering Their Nests. These groups are either individuals formerly elected to office or appointed and now find it more profitable to operate as lobbyists or contract hunters for the legalized predatory who steal inside the law and thereby keep out of prison.

## BAD NEWS

Mr. John O'Donnell, in Washington Times-Herald, tells readers: "We got the bad news just as Mr. Harry Burke of U. S. Senate secretariat was getting into a taxi on Capitol Hill, all hell bent for the White House where President Truman was waiting to put his signature on the \$5 billion five hundred millions grab on the Treasury to

carry on the Marshall Plan until June 30, 1950.

"The bad news is that every citizen of the U. S., and this includes infants, jailed criminals, the insane, the senile and incurable invalids are slugged \$650 a head of U. S. cash to help out foreigners . . . a family of father, mother and three children kicks in \$3,200 to carry out the overseas policies of Wilson and F. D. R."

AS OTHERS SEE US  
O wad some Pow'r the gitle gie us  
To see ourselves as ithers see us!  
It wad frae monie a blunder free us  
And Foolish notion.—Burns.

Prof. Scott Nearing says people would better understand if they ask themselves "What would we think if the Soviet Union":

1. Possessed the atomic bomb secret and

2. Was doing its best to keep it from us, meanwhile

3. Building a stockpile of bombs,

4. Maintaining an army larger than ever in history and

5. A navy larger than all other navies,

6. Instituting compulsory training in peace times,

7. Allowing army and navy officers to talk openly of attacking before we have time to recover from war and make our own atomic bombs,

8. Carry on a press and radio campaign to foment suspicion and hostility,

9. Build military and naval air bases all over the globe, etc.

WITCH-HUNT, 1949  
God help that country where informers thrive!  
Where slander flourishes and lies contrive—  
Kill truth by whispers and keep fraud alive.  
—Archibald MacLeish.

Luckman Tells Business  
To Cut Prices, Get on Ball

Los Angeles.—Decrying the economic "defeatism" which he said now pervaded the nation "from broadroom to barroom," Charles Luckman, president of Lever Brothers Co., urged that American business revitalize its efforts so the country would not worry itself into illness amid untold possibilities of expansion and prosperity.

Business, he said, must shake off the buyers' market psychology, and refurbish its advertising, selling and productive processes to meet a post-war demand which has not been fulfilled, and "sell" the private enterprise system by performance rather than words.

Asserting that too many business men had remained in the grip of inertia and timidity, he called for "facing up immediately to inventory losses," lowering prices wherever possible and developing new products, processes and services.

Delaware Votes Bonus  
For World War II Vets

Wilmington.—Delaware's voters have approved an unspecified bonus for the state's veterans of World War II.

In a special election, 227 out of the state's 261 districts reported that 43,535 favored payment of the bonus, while 9101 opposed it. The measure did not specify the amount of payment but veterans' organizations asked for a maximum of \$300. The Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce opposed the bill.

High Cost of  
Food Makes  
Living Cost Rise

Washington.—The cost of living for moderate-income families in the nation's large cities edged up slightly during the May 15-June 15 period.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that its consumers' price index rose .3 per cent, due chiefly to higher food costs.

This change put the index at 169.6 per cent of the 1935-39 average; but it was 1.2 per cent lower than a year ago, and 27.2 per cent higher than in June, 1946, when price "ceilings" were removed. The current figure, too, is 72 per cent above the August, 1939, level.

## FOOD UP .9 PER CENT

Food prices rose .9 per cent. Rents and fuels rose slightly, also. These increases were partly offset by declines of 1.2 per cent in the prices of house furnishings; .5 per cent in apparel prices; and miscellaneous goods and services, which dropped 2 per cent.

The food index on June 15 was 204.3 per cent of the 1935-39 average, or 4.6 per cent lower than a year ago, but 40 per cent above the June, 1946 level. Between mid-May and mid-June, food prices rose in 53 of 56 of the cities surveyed. Memphis, Los Angeles and Seattle were the exceptions.

## MEAT AND EGGS HIGHER

The rise in food prices over the month was due principally to month-to-month increases of 5 per cent in meat prices, and 3.7 per cent in prices of eggs. Beverages, sugar and sweets also rose fractionally. Price of all cuts of meat rose during the month, with increases of 10 per cent for pork chops, 7 per cent for round steak and chuck roast, and 5 per cent for rib roast.

Fresh fruits and vegetables declined 1.5 per cent, contrary to the usual seasonal movement, as prices of cabbage and lettuce dropped 20 per cent, green beans and spinach more than 6 per cent, and potatoes more than 4 per cent. Prices of onions advanced 9 per cent and oranges 8 per cent.

Prices of wearing apparel, declining for the eighth consecutive month, fell .5 per cent in the May-June period, to a level of 5.6 per cent below the peak reached in October, 1948. Prices for work clothing and men's and boys' furnishings continued to fall. Lower prices were reported for women's rayon dresses and slips, nylon hose and cotton dresses.

The index for the cost of house-furnishings fell 1.2 per cent from May 15 to June 15, as prices of sheets, curtains, electric refrigerators, radio-phonographs, living room, bedroom and dining room furniture continued to decline. House furnishings prices on June 15 were about 6 per cent below the October peak.

## RENT UP

Rents increased slightly to continue for the third month the upward trend found in all of the cities surveyed.

## AUTO HINTS

## DANGER—CROSSING

Always slow down when approaching a railroad crossing, urges the California State Automobile Association, which points out that the Vehicle Code limits speed to 15 miles per hour at railroad crossings unless the tracks are clearly visible for 400 feet in each direction.

## DON'T DRIVE

"In the mathematics of highway safety, one intoxicated driver plus an automobile equals danger. Don't drive if you're been drinking, urges the California State Automobile Association, even though you think your judgment and skill are unimpaired."

## CHECK SPARE TIRE

The spare tire should be checked each time the other tires on the car are checked, the California State Automobile Association advises. The spare tire loses air pressure just as rapidly as the tires on the wheels, and a spare tire that is nearly flat is of no value in an emergency.

## SAFE BRAKES

For your summer vacation driving, and for your own safety, make sure that your brakes are in safe operating condition. Remember, says the California State Automobile Association, that the California Vehicle Code specifies that your car's foot brakes must be capable of stopping your car in a distance of 37 feet from a speed of 20 miles per hour.

## IT CAN'T BE DONE

You can't stop your automobile on a dime, or a dollar, but the mistaken belief that it can be done has cost many dollars and lives, says the California State Automobile Association. Keep alert, and give yourself plenty of time and distance in which to apply the brakes.

Lake Placid, N. Y.—The CIO Political Action Committee will concentrate its efforts for 1949 and 1950 in 153 marginal congressional districts where 2 1/2 per cent of the vote either way will determine the fate of liberal and pro-labor candidates, says PAC Chairman Jack Kroll.

West Coast  
News Round-Up

WOOLWORTH EMPLOYEES in Redwood City, San Mateo and Burlingame, members of Retail Clerks 775, appealed to this giant national chain in paid advertisements asking that Woolworth's pay them the prevailing wage in S. F. Bay Area stores. In addition to the paid newspaper ads, Local 775 distributed leaflets to shoppers asking for their support.

AN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR was fined \$50 in Modesto Police Court after pleading guilty before Judge Hugh J. Tye.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE for Old Age and Blind Pensions called a meeting, August 2, in Vallejo's Veterans' Memorial Building where speakers from several cities were to speak in defense of Prop. 4.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL OF SANTA CLARA County filed its second protest against reduction in salary of county hospital employees, members of County Employees 321 (AFL), with the County Board of Supervisors.

THIRTEEN PICKETS, most of them attractive girls and all employees of Harry Albert's store in San Rafael, during the fourth week of a strike against the store for a five-day work week, kept customers to a bare minimum within the struck store. Practically no men and few women were reported to cross the picket line.

EMPLOYEES OF SOME 20 CONTRA COSTA County hardware stores, members of Retail Clerks 1179, won a \$2.50 weekly pay increase retroactive to May 17.

BUILDING TRADES AND TEAMSTER personnel were busy registering voters in Sacramento aiding in the current campaign of County Clerk La Rue to register as many voters as possible.

1949 AFL Convention  
Oct. 3 In St. Paul

To All Affiliated Unions Greetings:

You are hereby notified that, in pursuance of the Constitution of the American Federation of Labor, the 68th Convention of the American Federation of Labor will be held in the Civic Auditorium, St. Paul, Minn., beginning at 10 o'clock Monday morning, October 3, 1949, and will continue in session from day to day until the business of the Convention shall have been completed.

Once again we convene in annual convention—4 years after the termination of World War II—moved by feelings of uncertainty and increasing disappointment. Workers everywhere are asking why, following such a long period of time, no substantial progress has been made in the negotiation of an international agreement providing for international peace and security. The facts seem to make it clear that failure to arrive at an international agreement is due to the negative, antagonistic and selfish policy of Soviet Russia. Apparently the Russian government seeks to extend and expand Communist control over certain nations of Europe, Asia and elsewhere throughout the world. The fight, therefore, for international peace and security is supplemented by a fight against the aggression of Russia and its Communist philosophy.

We want world peace, but we want it to be based upon the principles of freedom, democracy and liberty. This issue must be faced courageously and in a spirit of determination that the free people of no nation shall be forced to accept communism and Communist control against their will.

As we meet in this historic convention, labor throughout the nation is conscious of the fact that our enemies are seeking to destroy, weaken, and if possible wipe out our trade union movement through the enactment of vicious, reprehensible antilabor legislation. As a result, the fighting spirit of the workers has been aroused as never before. That fact was reflected in the election which was held last November. The record shows that unity of thought and action was developed to a high degree among working men and women and their friends everywhere. This fight against antilabor legislation is still on. For that reason, those in attendance at this convention will formulate policies designed to win victories for labor both on the political and economic field. Social security and health insurance legislation, as well as adequate housing legislation, federal aid for education, minimum wage legislation and other social justice and security legislation will and must command the attention of the officers and delegates in attendance at this convention.

Our purpose is to bring about the realization of the hopes and aspirations of labor, to seek to establish a standard of living commensurate with the requirements of American citizenship. We cherish the principles of freedom, liberty, democracy and justice as a common heritage to be preserved at any cost and transmitted to future generations. In conformity with the record made by previous conventions, those in attendance at this 68th Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor will make a genuine contribution toward the realization of this great objective.

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## LABOR COUNCIL NOTES

Monterey County Central Labor Union, Salinas, California  
WILLIAM G. KENYON, Secretary

Salinas AFL unions will have a new Labor Temple if currently considered plans are carried out, the proposal now being before the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas awaiting further discussion and action.

Council President George R. Harter called upon the council to make another effort to unite all unions in a plan for a Salinas Labor Temple and said that the council would name committees to take necessary steps.

Building crafts affiliated with the labor council are making plans to donate services to rebuild the Child Care Center in Salinas. Many unions have informed the council that they would co-operate in the program to save the child care group, which faces abandonment due to lack of funds.

Labor Council delegates to the World Affairs Committee in Salinas include Fred Clayton, of Teachers Union 1020, and Council Secretary W. G. Kenyon. Alternate delegates are George Harter (Carpenters), Bertha Boles (Culinary), Robert Shinn (Butchers), Harvey Baldwin (Carpenters) and Pete Greco (Painters).

Creation of an Education Committee was completed at a recent council meeting, members including Fred Clayton (Teachers), Garold Miller (Clerks) and Hazel Skewes (Laundry Workers).

Resolutions have been sent to school boards here urging that some program be adopted and announced by the boards whereby there would be no discrimination against teachers who join AFL Teachers Union 1020. J. F. Ching, superintendent of schools, reports that the boards will study the resolutions at next meetings.

Radio programs over Station KSBW of Salinas are heard each Saturday night (10:15-10:30) under arrangements of the labor council, the programs being transcriptions supplied by the AFL Labor League for Political Education.

Two recent programs have been in the form of interviews and discussions between reporters and congressmen, one being on a national health insurance program and the other on the atomic energy program.

The programs are worth while for all to hear, are of an educational nature, and bring out points which sometimes are overlooked in newspaper reports on the subjects.

Laundry Workers Union 258 reports negotiations underway for a new agreement. Membership of Local 258 and Dyers and Cleaners Union 258-B is showing a steady gain, the union adds.

## Labor Groups Back Kaiser Appointment

Nomination by President Truman July 21 of Philip M. Kaiser to be Assistant Secretary of Labor in charge of international affairs won the approval of AFL and CIO unions which have been backing the Marshall Plan.

Kaiser is now head of the department's office of international affairs. He has been a strong backer of the Marshall Plan in testimony on Capitol Hill.

Kaiser is 36, a native of New York and graduate of the University of Wisconsin. Before going to the labor department two years ago he had served with the Federal Reserve System, the Board of Economic Warfare, the Foreign Economic Organization and the State Department.

## Hugo Ernst Hits Drive Against Civil Liberties

President Hugo Ernst of the Hotel & Restaurant Employees International Union (AFL) hails the popular reaction against witch-hunts in the Catering Industry Employee, monthly publication of the union.

The publication reprints the statement made by Dr. Robert M. Hutchins, chancellor of the University of Chicago, before the Illinois Broyles Committee investigating alleged subversive activities. Hutchins' testimony and mass protests by unions and other organizations succeeded in defeating Broyles anti-subversive bills at the recently concluded legislative session.

Introducing the Hutchins statement, Ernst writes:

"There is a real threat to genuine Democrats in this country, but as President Truman says, the country's not going to hell. This is true as long as there still are citizens with courage to resist totalitarian processes of 'thought control.' And among such citizens none has raised his voice more eloquently in a plea for basic American sanity than the head of the University of Chicago."

## Kluxers as 'Special Police'

Unionists everywhere are all too familiar with the manner in which some police chiefs and sheriffs deputize goons as "special officers" to serve as union-busters and strikebreakers at the behest of local industrial barons.

Down South this vicious practice has a corollary in the deputizing of Klan-minded characters whose function it is to enforce "white supremacy" by keeping Negroes "in their place" for purposes of exploitation.

## MAYOR REFUSES

The extent to which this evil prevails has just been pointed up by Hayden Burns, the new mayor of my old home town, Jacksonville, Florida. Upon taking office, Burns refused to reappoint some 3,500 "special police" who had been cloaked with the authority of law by his predecessors.

For the most part, those who apply for these "honorary" appointments (the city pays them nothing) are plantation overseers, commissary managers, work gang bosses and bill collectors who deal with Negroes.

## ARMED GOONS

These men have no public duties but use their certificates of authority to arm themselves with pistols and a special badge (available in any pawn shop). Thus equipped, they have little difficulty in intimidating Negroes by posing as "the law."

Washington.—Labor's League for Political Education closed its session with a pledge to defeat 12 Senators in 1950. The move was part of a drive to defeat the notorious T-H law during the 82nd Congress. The delegates, representing every State Federation of Labor in the country, voted to ask contributions of \$2 each from every AFL member.

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Attention, all members who have chauffeurs licenses: There was a new bill recently signed by the Governor called Senate Bill 1177 which is now made into a law. This bill was sponsored by the Teamsters and provides several amendments to the Financial Responsibility Law which are beneficial to all Teamster drivers. It provides that employers must have adequate liability insurance on the drivers during the scope of employment. Failure to do so by the employer results in the suspension of all his motor vehicle licenses and registrations. Important, however, this new law does not cover Teamsters while driving their own vehicles off the job; it only protects the drivers privileges during the scope of employment. Important: When a Teamster member is involved in an auto accident off the job, it is his responsibility to carry liability insurance.

## SHOP CARD

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We ask all of our members to send their cleaning and dyeing to Wilson Cleaners, 241 Salinas Street, phone 4178, who employs a driver of this union. The driver's name is Jack Williamson. We also ask that you patronize Bell Cleaners who employs Ted Hewitt, also a member of our union. No other cleaners are union in regards to the drivers.

ATTENTION: The Great Western Laundry discharged a member of our union and now has a non-union driver on the truck. Your union is attempting to organize in this field at the present time so we ask that you please refrain from patronizing the Great Western Laundry.

## CONTRACTS

Contract negotiations have been completed for the following firms: Central Supply and M. J. Murphy and Plaza Fuel. Material drivers in this instance, will receive a 5 cents per hour increase. Contracts are being prepared for signatures. AGC—contracts have been completed in the heavy material drivers industry; all classifications will receive a 5 cents plus increase effective July 15th. SHOOK—After some delay your union is beginning to receive the signed agreements from the employers regarding all of our shook drivers. The increase is 5 cents per hour. Contracts are being consummated with all local pickup and delivery firms wherein our drivers are to receive a 5 cents per hour increase and two additional paid holidays. LONG LINE AND SHORT LINE DRIVERS—Effective May 1 of this year: Short line drivers should receive \$1.56 per hour and long line \$1.71 per hour.

ATTENTION, PRODUCE DRIVERS! We understand that there are a few companies who have not paid the drivers their retroactive pay. Will you kindly report this matter to the union immediately so it can be corrected. All produce drivers were accorded a 5 cents an hour increase effective April 1 of this year.

LIQUID ICE—Salinas. Sixteen men attended a special meeting for this group and a strike vote was taken as a result of the employer refusing any increases involving

## AFL Union, Hershey Co. Agree on New Contract

Hershey, Pa.—The Hershey Chocolate Corporation accepted a federal-state compromise of a dispute with the Bakers and Confectionary Workers Union, AFL. The union previously accepted the compromise offer. The dispute centered about establishment of a union shop, and the compromise involves a requirement that all employees who left the union in the last few months shall rejoin and pay back dues.

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"SUGAR" RAY STILL CHAMP.—The king of boxing rhythm, "Sugar" Ray Robinson, 38, of New York, has his hands raised after he successfully kept the world welterweight title in a 15-round bout with challenger Kid Gavilan, 28, of Cuba, at Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium.



## Letter Carriers Buy U. S. Savings Bonds



The National Association of Letter Carriers, its Mutual Benefit Association and National Sick Benefit Association, added to their portfolios of U. S. Savings Bonds at Washington, D. C., on June 10 by investing \$155,000 in Series G Bonds. The National Association purchased \$35,000 worth, the Mutual Benefit group \$100,000 and the Sick Benefit Association \$20,000.

The Bonds were presented by Mrs. Thelma Dawson, a Building Trades employee and an outstanding Savings Bonds volunteer worker, on one of the Opportunity Drive Covered Wagons. With a bevy of Washington girls in '49 costume forming a background, the National Association officers are pictured above, left to right, Philip Lepper, D. R. Sullivan, Mrs. Dawson, Jerome J. Keating, William C. Doherty, Fred O. Andrews and R. B. Kremers.

## Insurance Lobby Opposed to Increased Insurance Benefits

(This is the third of a series of articles treating the activities of the insurance lobby at Sacramento.)

Insurance lobby opposition to liberalization of the Unemployment Insurance Act during the '49 session of the State Legislature was apparently founded on the fact that increased benefits for the workers would mean decreased profits for the carriers.

Under the disability insurance phase of the law, workers may receive disability benefits if unemployed because of non-industrial reasons, such as accidents suffered in the home or illness brought about through strictly non-industrial causes.

This disability plan is financed solely by the working people, who contribute one per cent of their earnings to the State Disability Fund.

## TWO SYSTEMS

However, in the method of executing this protective law, we find the origin of the dispute as to use of the money. Workers may use either of two systems. They may accept the benefits and coverage of the State disability insurance plan, which is operated by the State of California, or they may agree to be covered by a voluntary plan, presented and administered by a private insurance company. The private plan must be superior to the State plan in at least one respect.

Private insurance companies are now handling 42 per cent of the disability insurance in the state, and have determined they will exercise legislative control over the disability law.

Labor is not being blindly partisan in declaring that the insurance lobby fought additional disability benefits because of the insurance profits under the voluntary plan.

Governor Warren and large sections of the public press have condemned this commercial greed. The following editorial statement of the San Francisco News of June 24, 1949, is particularly pertinent:

"The reason they (the insurance companies) fight against liberalizing benefits in the state plan is that they would have to increase their benefits correspondingly.

"In the few remaining days of the session, we urge the Legislature to redeem itself, abandon its subservience to the insurance lobby, and play fair with the workers of California by enacting at least

## Cooperative Movement On Upgrade in Israel

Tel Aviv. — Some 70 men and women from English-speaking countries who left their native lands to fight for the freedom of Israel have organized their own building and agricultural cooperative here.

In the group, which includes many from the U. S., are civil and mechanical engineers, electricians and factory workers. They decided to settle in Israel permanently after their military service ended. Brought together by their common language and youth — their average age is 24 — they chose to set up their cooperative "to contribute to the dire needs of the state through building and agriculture."

This is one of the many cooperatives springing up throughout the nation as the people turn from war to peace. In the past six months, 70 such enterprises have been organized in 32 trades and 18 agricultural areas.

some of the proposed benefit liberalizations.

"If it turns out that the insurance companies are in fact powerful enough in the Legislature to block, for their own selfish reasons, just and proper reforms in the state's disability insurance program, the people may well conclude that the insurance companies should be removed from this picture by cancelling their right to participate in the disability insurance program."

The insurance lobby has brought public indictment upon the carriers by their wanton contempt for the common good. The insurance lobby has informed the workers of California that the voluntary plan has been primarily created to fatten insurance purses, rather than to bring benefits to those in economic need. This abuse demands reform.

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## ILGWU Acquires 2nd California Radio Station

Los Angeles.—Union Broadcasting Corp., radio arm of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (AFL), bought its second radio station here within the past year with purchase in a bankruptcy sale of KWIK in Burbank. Purchasing price was \$40,000, said Cliff Gill, manager of the union's first California station, KFMV, an FM (frequency modulation) station in which the union has already invested some \$300,000. KWIK is an AM, or standard type broadcasting station.

In a statement from New York, Frederick F. Umhey, ILGWU executive secretary and UBC secretary-treasurer, said one of the main reasons the union bought its second radio outlet "was to obtain another advertising medium for promoting frequency modulation broadcasting."

Speaking further of FM stations, which several other unions have bought because they are less expensive and less monopolized by conventional broadcast interests, Gill said: "We have tremendous confidence in the future of frequency modulation." He said KFMV now blankets an area occupied by five million people, and 750,000 already are served by some 250,000 FM sets in this area.

ILGWU's second reason for the purchase, he said, was to make KFMV's many public service features available to new listeners who do not yet own FM sets. He said the new station will invite the cooperation of the community through a citizens' advisory committee composed of civic leaders from church, business, veteran, fraternal and labor groups.

The purchase must be approved by the U. S. District Court, which controls bankruptcy sales, and the Federal Communications Commission.

## Homes Not So Sweet

What happens to over-income families forced to leave public housing projects?

A partial and discouraging answer is found in an annual report just issued by the Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority.

Its survey showed that 42 per cent of the families forced to move were unable to find accommodations with a private hotel. Thirty-eight per cent said heating facilities were inadequate and 24 per cent found homes without baths or showers.

## AFL, CIO Join Fight Against Rent Decontrol

Portland, Ore.—AFL and CIO unions are waging a last-ditch fight to save what is left of rent control in two Oregon cities, Salem and Eugene, where hundreds of workers, pensioners and migrant farm laborers are without adequate shelter.

City Councils in the two communities, second and third largest in the state, on July 11 certified that housing shortages "no longer exist" and asked Gov. Douglas McKay (R.) to lift controls. Controls have already been lifted at Ashland in the southern part of the state.

The Salem Trades & Labor Council (AFL) sent an irate delegation headed by Council Sec. Herbert Barker to call on McKay. Letters, resolutions and petitions protesting the decontrol moves in Eugene and Salem were on the governor's desk when the group walked in.

## HOUSING CRITICAL

In a letter to the governor protesting the Eugene council's request for decontrol, Peck described the community's housing situation as critical.

In Salem, the City Council's pro-landlord action was an about-face from a decision, made only the week before, not to request lifting of rent control. At that time evidence was presented at a public hearing showing that removal of controls on certain classifications between July 1947 and April 1949 "had resulted in a 66 per cent average rent increase in the Salem property involved."

## WAITING LISTS

Testimony was also given on the waiting lists maintained by the Housing Authority for rental housing. On the day the Council moved for decontrol, the waiting list was "longer than at any time within the past six months," a spokesman for the homeless charged.

The Salem and Eugene rent control "hot potato" is still lying on McKay's desk. Should he move to lift controls, local groups are planning to seek an injunction to restrain him from doing so, FP learned.

## Murray Hails Lifting Of Steel Minimum Pay On Government Work

CIO Pres. Philip Murray July 26 congratulated Labor Sec. Maurice Tobin for his "statesmanlike action in fixing new prevailing minimum wages in the iron and steel industry."

Tobin's order following hearings held under the Walsh-Healey Act which provides for payment of fixed minimum wage rates on work done under government contract.

Under the order employers receiving government contracts of \$10,000 or more in iron and steel must observe a minimum pay range between \$1.18½ and \$1.23 per hour. Exception are minor producing areas in the South and Midwest where the range is from \$1.08½ to \$1.19.

Murray pointed out that under the act the Secretary merely finds out what prevailing minimum rates are. The minima for steel, he said, are established "almost entirely through the processes of collective bargaining between the industry and the United Steelworkers of America."

Pres. A. Hayes and Vice-Pres. Roy Brown of the Intl. Assn. of Machinists July 22 presented a plaque to Under-Sec. of Navy Dan A. Kimball, "as a token of appreciation for sincere and fair-minded approach to labor relations."

## Union Directory

## ATTENTION!

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## MONTEREY

**BAKERS 24**—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose, Sec. and Main Office, Cecil Bradford, phone 6341.

**BARBERS 896**—Meets 3rd Wednesday at Barbers Hall, 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m. Pres., L. L. Taylor, 575 Lighthouse, phone 6215; Bus. Agt., Arthur Thompson, 1177 Fifth St., Monterey, phone 4745.

**BARBERS 463**—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Chas. M. Osterich, 230 Walnut St., Monterey, phone 5722; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Geo. L. Rice, P. O. Box 354, Carmel, phone 1578-R. Office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5724.

**BRICK MASONS 16**—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Pres., F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville, phone 5654; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Geo. L. Rice, P. O. Box 354, Carmel, phone 1578-R. Office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5724.

**BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY**—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m., 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5724. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, Sec. Rec., Harry Foster, Box 624, Monterey, phone 5724. Bus. Agt., Fred S. Miller, 440 Palo Verde, phone 6113. Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5724. Mailing address, P. O. Box 611, Monterey. Office hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**BUTCHERS 508 (Monterey Branch)**—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Culinary Hall, at 8 p.m. Pres., Eddie Capon, 709 Eardley Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 6810; Exec. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Carl A. McLean, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone 9020; Rec. Sec., R. Robinson, 66 Via Chular, Santa Cruz, phone 448; Bus. Agt., 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, Bal. 3711-M.

**CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR**—C. J. Hootner, Secretary and Legislative Representative, 402 Flood Bldg., 870 Market St., San Francisco 2, phone 311-2838. District Vice-President, Anthony Agillo, P. O. Box 494, San Jose, phone Ballard 2772.

**CARPENTERS 1232**—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5724. Pres., Geo. Webster, 1128 Fourth, phone 5308; Fin. Sec., D. L. Ward, 1400 Gibson St., Monterey, phone 5724; Sec. and Bus. Agt., 6744 or 6726, Office at 315 Alvarado St., Box 1095, phone 6726.

**CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey Peninsula)**—Meets 1st Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Pres., George R. Harter, Sec. Treas., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., phone Monterey 7622.

**ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072**—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5724. Pres., D. B. Crow, 243 Pacific St., Monterey, phone 5724; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Andy Lazer, Bus. Agt., Leona Jones, 823 Johnson Ave., phone Monterey 7622.

**ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39**—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas, Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby, Mgr., C. G. Fitch; Asst. Sec., A. J. Hootner, Secretary and Legislative Representative, 402 Flood Bldg., Main Office, 3004 - 16th St., San Francisco, phone 1-2838. Monterey office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5724.

**FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets** on call at headquarters. Pres., Joseph Perry, Box 533, phone 4276. Sec., Roy Humphreys, 1509 Pacific Grove, phone 5164. Bus. Agt., Les Caveny, Box 533, phone 4276. Headquarters: 320 Holloman, phone 5871.

**FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets** monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall, Pres., 128 1/2 St., Monterey, phone 5724. Sec. and Bus. Agt., John Chivello, 327 Franklin St., phone 7113. Office and hall, 2111-Walnut St., Monterey, phone 5724.

**LABORERS 690**—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m. Pres., Perry Luce, 121 David Ave., phone 849; Sec. and Bus. Agt., 121 David Ave., phone 849. P. O. Box 142, phone 2-0215, Office 315 Alvarado, phone 6744.

**LATHERS 122**—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hillby St., Monterey, phone Monterey 7622; Sec. and Bus. Agt., 1509 Pacific Grove, phone 5164. Sec. and Bus. Agt., 1509 Pacific Grove, phone 5164.

**MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192**—Meets 3rd Friday at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5724. Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley, Pacific Grove, phone 5567; Sec., Doris Lake, 404 Grove, phone 5164.

**MUSICIANS 616**—Meets 1st Sunday of each quarter, 2 p.m. at Barbers Hall. Pres., Don Sack, 161 Lighthouse, phone 849; Bus. Agt., Lin Murrell, 1509 Pacific Grove, phone 5164. Sec. and Bus. Agt., 1509 Pacific Grove, phone 5164.

**NEWSPAPER WRITERS AND REPORTERS 2273**—Meets on call at Labor Temple, 2111-Walnut St., Monterey, phone 5724. Pres., Chas. L. Waite, 5823 Occidental St., Oakland, phone Olympic 3-1022. Sec. Treas., Jean Johnson, 4831 Cleveland Ave., Oakland, phone Olympic 3-0720.

**PAINTERS 272**—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, Pres., Fred G. Zahner, 128 1/2 St., Monterey, phone 5724. Sec. and Bus. Agt., J. L. Babin, Box 692, Monterey, phone Monterey 7622.

**PLASTERERS & CEILING FINISHERS 337**—Meets 1st Friday at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., E. W. Overhulse, 422 Webster, Monterey, phone 5724; Sec. and Bus. Agt., 3184 St. Bus. Rep., S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142, Office 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5724.

**PLUMBERS 62**—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at Hawthorne & Prescott, at 8 p.m. Pres., Truman Scarlett, Carmel Valley, phone 5724; Sec. and Bus. Agt., 1509 Pacific Grove, phone 5164. Sec. and Bus. Agt., 1509 Pacific Grove, phone 5164.

**POST OFFICE CLERKS 1232**—Meets every other month, 6 p.m. P. O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m., Room 6, O. B. P. Pres., G. G. P. Pres., 404 Lighthouse, 315 Alvarado, phone 5724. Sec. and Bus. Agt., 315 Alvarado, phone 5724.

**ROOFERS 56**—Meets 3rd Saturday at 9 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple, Pres., James M. Ray, 509 San Benito St., Salinas, Sec. and Bus. Agt., Wm. Powell, Box 685, Seaside, phone Monterey 2-1295.

**SHEET METAL WORKERS 304**—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 422 Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825; Sec. Rec., Ray Kalbol, Box 250, Boulder Creek, phone 7825; Sec. Rec., Ray Kalbol, Box 250, Boulder Creek, phone 7825.

**TELEPHONE WORKERS 437**—Meets 1st Monday at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5724. Pres., Fin. Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, phone 5724.

**THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611**—Meets 1st Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. at Watsonville Labor Temple, Pres., Geo. Smith, 1122 Garner St., Salinas, Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Sec., Dave Green, P. O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone Watsonville 757.

**GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890**—Meets 2nd Tuesday at Salinas High School, Pres., Albert A. Harris, 24 Paloma, phone Salinas 5653; Sec., Peter A. Andrade, 274 E. Alisal St., Salinas, phone 5724; Sec., Glenn Wilkerson, Office, 315 Alvarado, Monterey, phone 5724.

**Boston**—A wage increase was denied to about 12,000 Massachusetts shoe workers in a decision handed down by the State Dept. of Conciliation & Arbitration.

A 10-cent hourly increase had been demanded by the United Shoe Workers (CIO).

## SALINAS

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**BARBERS 827**—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., H. Lee Elder, 265 Main St., Salinas 3417; Sec., N. H. Freeman, 8 W. Alisal St., day phone 6203, night, 9762.

**BARTENDERS 945**—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 1 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Sec. Bus. Agt., Al. J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 5724; Sec., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

**BUTCHERS 508 (Salinas Branch)**—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Clark Bannett, 1209 1st Ave., phone 6720; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, Bal. 3711-M. Hollister-Gilroy Officers: Pres., Richard Santa, 122 Vine St., Hollister, phone 352; Sec., Harold Johnson, Rte. 2, Box 139, Hollister, phone 4375.

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**CARPENTERS 925**—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5724. Pres., T. Mills; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin, 556 San Benito, phone Salinas 6716; Sec. and Bus. Agt., C. M. Miller, office, 1422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

**CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)**—Meets 1st and 3rd City Council, 1-3-29. Officers: Pres., Floyd Hill, phone 694W; Sec., A. W. Reiger, office phone 197.

**CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373**—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 2 p.m. Pres., Ernest Darnell, 1220 Circle Dr., Monterey, phone 5724; Sec., Alma Ball, 140 Linden St., Monterey, phone 5724; Sec., Earl H. Perry, 272 Burke St., phone 2-2824; Carpenters Union Hall, 422 N. Main St., phone 5724.

**CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County)**—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m. at 1509 Pacific Grove, Monterey, phone 5164. Pres., Shinn, 448 Harvest, phone 4129; Sec., Treas., Wm. G. Kenyon, 274 E. Alisal, phone 7727.

**CULINARY ALLIANCE 467**—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:30 p.m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Alon Meek, Sec., Bertha Boles, Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

**DRY CLEANERS 258-B**—Meets 2nd Thursday at 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, at 8 p.m. Pres., Louis Itallini, 1024 Terrace St., Sec. Treas., Alon Meek, 517 E. Roosevelt; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-2838.

**ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243**—Meets 1st Wednesdays, Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, Pajaro St., P. O. Box 1095, Baldwin Trailer Corp., phone 2-2733. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Karl E. Ozols, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

**ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39**—Meets 3rd Wednesdays, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville Labor Temples, 8 p.m. Pres., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christensen, 1509 Pacific Grove, phone 5164; Sec., John Columbia, 885 Main Office, 3004 16th St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1833.

**FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF MOSS LANDING**—Meets at Castrovilla Community Hall on the "light of the moon" 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8 p.m. Pres., Bill J. Galt, 257 Fifth, Hollister; Bus. Agt., Theo. Thompson, Moss Landing, phone 6572.

**FRESH FRUIT, VEGETABLE WORKERS UNION 912**—Meets 1st Wednesday at Monterey Hall, 121-A Monterey St., Salinas, at 8 p.m. Pres., Holman Day; Sec., Ethel Alcorn, 32 E. Market St., phone 9113. San Francisco, phone 1-2838.

**JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD, Bartenders 545 and Culinary Alliance 467**—Meets 2nd Wednesday, 8 p.m. at Labor Temple, Pres., Bertha A. Boles, phone 6209; Sec., J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

**LABORERS 272**—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5724. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Grove, phone 5777; Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Grove, phone 5777.

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**LAUNDRY WORKERS 258**—Meets 2nd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Steves, 1314 2nd Ave., Monterey, phone 5724; Sec., 53-1st Ave. Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

**MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824**—Meets 1st Tuesday, Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hillby St., Monterey, phone Monterey 7622; Sec. and Bus. Agt., 1509 Pacific Grove, phone 5164.

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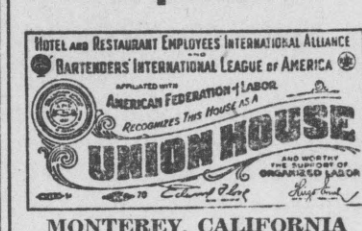
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**TYPOGRAPHICAL 543**—Meets last Sunday of month alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., D. O. Harrison, Sec. Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 5531.

**WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890**—Meets 2nd Tuesday at Salinas High Auditorium, 8 p.m. Pres., A. Harris, 24 Paloma, phone Salinas 5653; Sec., Peter A. Andrade, Bus. Agt., Wm. G. Kenyon, phone 2-0497, Office, 174 E. Alisal St., Salinas, phone 5743.

## Local 483 Reports



Several meetings have been held during the past few days with Harold Green, operator of the Grove Creamery, located on Fountain Avenue in Pacific Grove. Mr. Green is the man who has been supplying the Karmelkorn Fountain Restaurant with products necessary for the operation of business since our picket line began June 29th